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SUBJECT: FAHMY'S PRESS CONFERENCE ON SUSPENSION OF TALKS

FOR THE SECRETARY'S PARTY

1. FAHMY GAVE PRESS CONFERENCE AT 2320 THIS EVENING DURING WHICH HE MADE A STATEMENT IN ENGLISH. HE HAD TO BREAK OFF ONCE IN MIDDLE BECAUSE OF CHOKED EMOTION AND LEAVE THE ROOM FOR A MINUTE OR SO BEFORE RETURNING TO RESUME. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS, FROM EMBOFF'S NOTES. FULL TEXT FOLLOWS BY SEPTTEL.

2. THE EFFORTS OF DR. KISSINGER CAME TO AN END BECAUSE OF THE POSITION OF THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT INSISTING ON CERTAIN DEMANDS (WHICH WERE) FROM THE VERY BEGINNING CATEGORICALLY REFUSED. THE STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS WHICH HAS BEEN SPONSORED BY THE UNITED STATES HAS NOW COME TO AND END FOLLOWING THE FAILURE OF DR. KISSINGER'S MISSION BECAUSE OF THE ISRAELI POSITION. THE NEXT COURSE TO PROCEED ALONG IS TO CONVENE THE CONFERENCE IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. EGYPT, TOGETHER WITH
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THE ARAB COUNTRIES AND THE PLO, WILL CONSULT AND IN

THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE WILL FORMALLY REQUEST THE TWO CO-SPONSORS OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE TO CONVENE THE CONFERENCE IMMEDIATELY.

3. FROM THE VERY BEGINNING IT WAS APPARENT THAT THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT INJECTED POINTS WHICH ARE NOT RELATED TO A DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT, WHICH IS A MILITARY AGREEMENT, BUT RELATED RATHER TO A FINAL PEACE SETTLEMENT. THIS EGYPT REJECTED FROM THE OUTSET AND' CONTINUES TO REJECT AND WILL IN THE FUTURE REJECT. THE END OF BELLIGERENCY WILL NOT BE OBTAINED AT ALL EXCEPT IN A FINAL AND GLOBAL SOLUTION DEALING WITH THE COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL FROM ARAB LANDS BY THE ISRAELIS AND THE CREATION OF A PALESTINIAN STATE. ONLY THEN CAN ISRAEL CLAIM TO BE ACCEPTED IN THIS AREA.

4. EGYPT REJECTED ALL OTHER FORMULAS PROPOSED BY ISRAELIS IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER TO REACH A STATE OF NON-BELLIGERENCY WITHOUT SAYING SO.

5. IN ALL OUR DELIBERATIONS WE MADE IT CLEAR, FORMALLY AND IN WRITING TO DR. KISSINGER, THAT NO FINAL SOLUTION WILL BE ACHIEVED UNLESS IT ENCOMPASSES ALL THE ELEMENTS OF THE PROBLEM.

6. EVEN IN RELATION TO A DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT, IF SYRIA IS ATTACKED BY ISRAEL, EGYPT WILL AUTOMATICALLY FULFILL ITS OBLIGATIONS TOWARDS SYRIA (WITH REGARD TO) ANY MILITARY OR PARAMILITARY ACTIONS BY ISRAEL AGAINST SYRIA.

7. IT IS VERY CLEAR THAT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF FAILING TO AGREE ON DISENGAGEMENT FALLS ON ISRAEL'S SHOULDERS.

8. AS I WAS SAYING, EGYPT'S POSITION FROM THE OUTSET WAS VERY CLEAR. IT IS ABUNDANTLY CLEAR BY NOW THAT DR. KISSINGER TRIED VERY HARD TO SUCCEED. BUT BECAUSE OF THE INTRANSIGENT POSITION OF THE ISRAELIS IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO SUCCEED IN THIS ENDEAVOR. CONSEQUENTLY THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT BEARS SOLE RESPONSIBILITY
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FOR ITS FAILURE AND ALL THE IMPLICATIONS OF ITS ATTITUDE. DR. KISSINGER WILL MAKE A STATEMENT AT 1100 TODAY AND HE WILL BE LEAVING FOR WASHINGTON TOMORROW.
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